

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on February 17, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 8, 2/13/2009; HB 13, 2/12/2009

Executive Action: HJ 8; HB 13

HEARING ON HJ 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:29 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HJ 8, Provide for combining E. Montana AG extension office with research facility.

00:01:55 Sen. Bales

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:59 Sen. Don Steinbeiser

00:03:26 Doug Steele, Montana State University

00:04:48 Jeff Jacobson, Director, Montana Ag Experiment Station

00:06:06 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Commissioners

[EXHIBIT\(fcs37a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

00:07:52 Russ Katherman, State Architecture and Engineering

00:08:11 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:31 Sen. Hawks

00:09:08 Rep. Kasten

00:09:28 Sen. Hawks

00:09:42 Rep. Kasten

00:10:05 Sen. Hawks

00:10:16 Mick Robinson, Montana University System

00:11:15 Sen. Hawks

00:11:16 Sen. Bales

00:11:19 Sen. Lewis

00:11:50 Mr. Robinson

00:12:20 Sen. Lewis

00:12:30 Mr. Jacobson

00:12:42 Sen. Lewis

00:12:52 Mr. Jacobson
00:14:15 Sen. Lewis
00:14:29 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:14:53 Ms. Carlson
00:15:20 Sen. Zinke now present
00:17:00 Sen. Schmidt
00:17:04 Ms. Carlson
00:17:38 Sen. Bales
00:17:39 Sen. Cooney
00:18:10 Ms. Carlson
00:18:25 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:29 Rep. Kasten
00:19:52 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON HB 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:05 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB
13, Pay plan for state employees.
00:21:34 Sen. Laible now present.
00:26:04 Sen. Bales

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:09 Budget Director David Ewer, Governor's Office
00:27:08 Butch Plowman, State Office of Labor Relations
EXHIBIT (fcs37a02)

00:28:24 Sen. Brueggeman now present
00:31:42 Sen. Bales
00:31:48 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
00:32:49 Sen. Bales
00:32:54 Quint Nyman, MPEA
00:33:21 Tim Twardoski, Federation of Municipal and County
Employees
00:33:51 Linda McCullough, Secretary of State
00:34:59 Mick Robinson, Montana University System
EXHIBIT (fcs37a03)

00:36:02 Sen. Bales

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:28 Sen. Laible
00:37:02 Rep. Hunter
00:37:38 Sen. Laible
00:37:49 Amy Sassano, Governor's Budget Office
00:38:22 Sen. Bales
00:38:33 Sen. Zinke
00:38:54 Rep. Hunter
00:39:54 Sen. Zinke
00:40:01 Director Ewer
00:41:51 Sen. Zinke
00:42:04 Mr. Feaver
00:43:46 Sen. Zinke
00:43:49 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:01 Rep. Hunter
00:45:16 Sen. Bales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 8

00:46:30 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **HJ 8 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:46:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cooney moved that **HJ 8 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote, present and voting.

EXHIBIT(fcs37a04)

00:47:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cooney moved that **HJ 8 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote, present and voting. Sen. Steinbeisser will carry the bill in the Senate. An new fiscal note will be requested.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 13

00:48:22 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HB 13 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:48:35 Sen. Barrett

00:48:47 Sen. Bales

00:48:52 Sen. Barrett

00:49:29 Ms. Purdy

00:49:51 Sen. Wanzenried

00:50:01 Sen. Bales

00:50:03 Connie Welsh, Department of Administration

00:50:43 Sen. Bales

00:50:51 Sen. Barrett

00:51:08 Sen. Bales

00:51:14 Sen. Barrett

00:51:43 Mr. Plowman

00:52:00 Sen. Bales

00:52:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote, present and voting. Sen. Lewis will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:52:44 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:10 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs37aad.pdf](#))